PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, September 20th, 1877.

The Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina assembled at Big Ivy Church, Buncombe County, according to adjournment, in its 21st Annual Session.

Deferred the preaching of the Introductory Sermon until to-night, in order to give all the delegates an opportunity to hear it.

The Executive Board held a meeting in a house near the church, and during the time, the congregation engaged in a prayer meeting.

The President appointed C. M. Williams, P. R. Young and F. M. Williams a Committee on Credentials.

Recess thirty minutes.

Re-assembled. Convention called to order by President John Ammons. Prayer by Elder John Mitchell.

Report of Committee on Credentials:

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elder N. Bowen, Elder D. B. Nelson, Elder L. W. Sams.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Salem.—Elder W. Wiley Wells, J. A. Porter, J. A. Brookshir.
Tuckasiege—Elder S. H. Harrington, T. W. Carter, S. C. Herren.
French Broad.—Elders John Ammons, T. M. Honeycutt.
Roan Mountain.—Elder S. M. Collis.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Asheville.—C. M. Williams.
Cane Creek.—J. E. Pinkerton.

CHURCHES.

Asheville.—Elders John Mitchell, John K. Connally and F. M. Jordan, proxy.
Big Ivy.—J. H. Woodward.
Berea.—J. A. Bradley, E. A. Reed and J. H. Stradley.
Hominy.—P. R. Young.
Morgan Hill.—F. M. Williams.
Gabriel Creek.—John Radford.
Cowee.—Elder Allen Ammons, J. M. Rickman, T. C. Bryson, L. M. Bradley.
Enon.—Elder E. Allison.
Hendersonville.—John Jordan, Chas. E. Lee and R. T. Hollingsworth.
Caney River.—Henry Roland.
Cartoogachaye.—Elder I. D. Wright.
Franklin.—J. D. Franks, E. H. Franks.

Sugar Fork.—E. D. Franks, proxy, Stephen Ammons, proxy.
Burning Town —Elder J. W. Hooker, proxy.
Yellow Hill (Indian).—Elder John Jackson.
Spring Creek.—W. B. Case, Adam Bright, J. S. Lusk.
Flag Pond.—J. F. Tilson.
Sardis.—T. A. Starnes.
Valley River.—Jacob Ammons.

INDIVIDUALS.

H. N. Edwards and Henry W. Scott

Appointed Chas. E. Lee and F. M. Williams, Tellers, and ballotted for officers with the following result:

Elder JOHN AMMONS, *President.*
Elder D. B. NELSON, *First Vice President.*
Elder JOHN MITCHELL, *Second Vice President.*
C. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*
J. L. PLEASANT, *Treasurer.*
Elder D. B. NELSON, *Historian.*

After a few appropriate remarks, the President announced the following Committees:

On Finance.—S. C. Herren, F. M. Williams and E. H. Franks.
On Preaching.—J. D. Franks, John Jordan, J. H. Woodward.
On Time, Place, &c.—Eld. S. M. Collis. T. C. Bryson, P. R. Young.
On Periodicals.—Chas. E. Lee, Elder S. H. Harrington.
On Temperance.—Elders F. M. Jordan and N. Bowen.
Revision of List of Ministers' Names.—Elder W. W. Wells, Elder T. M. Honeycutt, R. T. Hollingsworth.

On motion of Elder D. B. Nelson, adopted the Order of Business of last year, as follows:

1st. Meet at 9 A. M. Spend half hour in devotional exercises. Suspend at 11 o'clock for preaching.
2nd. Report of Executive Board.
3rd. Report of Historian.
4th. Report of Treasurer.
5th. Report of Committees.
6th. Resolutions.
7th. Miscellaneous Business.
8th. Appoint Correspondents.

On motion, instructed Committee on Preaching to provide for but one sermon each day during the session of the Convention, except Sabbath.

On motion, Elder D. B. Nelson, at his own request, was released from preaching the Annual Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, and Elder J. B. Hartwell appointed to fill his place.

An invitation was now extended to visiting ministers, and accepted by Elder J. B. Hartwell, a member of the Baptist Church at Tung Chow, China, and Agent of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Adjourned until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

Hymn: "Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer, led by Elder F. M. Jordan. Doxology. Benediction.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Ammons.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M., September 21st, 1877.

Devotional exercises for half an hour, conducted by Elder F. M. Jordan.

The President called the Convention to order.

Minutes of yesterday read.

On motion of Elder John K. Connally, substituted Elder for Dr. before Bro. Mitchell's name. Minutes adopted.

On motion of Bro. H. W. Scott, deferred the reading of the report of the Executive Board until after recess.

Elder D. B. Nelson, Historian, read a report, which was adopted.

On motion of Elder F. M. Jordan, the Historian is instructed to procure a book suitable for recording items he may collect, the book to be paid for by the Executive Board.

On motion of Elder Collis, allowed the Historian time to offer remarks on the duties of his office.

Bro. Nelson regards this as the most important office of the Convention. Requests the brethren to send him any old minutes of this Convention they can spare. Is also anxious to procure photographs of all the ministers in the bounds of the Convention—the deceased and also the living.

On motion, the President was allowed time for remarks.

Bro. Ammons thinks that if we do not write our own history it will be written for us.

At this point, Elder N. Bowen offered a resolution, which was amended at the suggestion of Elder Griffith, and adopted:

Resolved, That we instruct the Historian to collect and record facts from the beginning of the Baptist Denomination in Western North Carolina.

Bro. H. W. Scott offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the American Baptist Historical Society located at Philadelphia, Pa., in its works of gathering books and pamphlets relating to Baptist History in all ages and in all parts of the world.

Treasurer's Report read and referred to the following

Auditing Committee: Chas. E. Lee, S. C. Herren and E. Allison.

Invitation to visiting ministers renewed, and accepted by Elder M. V. Makamson, of Catawba River Association.

On motion of Elder Mitchell, set apart 10 o'clock to-morrow as a time for allowing Bro. Griffith an opportunity to present the claims of the Seminary.

Report of Committee on Periodicals read by Chas. E. Lee.

Remarks by Bro. Lee. Says "we cannot get as much reading as we get in the *Recorder* in one year, in book form, for a hundred times the amount.

Spirited speech by Bro. Sam. C. Herren. Bro. Herren thinks the *Recorder* ought to have as many subscribers in Western North Carolina as it has in the entire State.

Bro. John Jordan holds that it is our duty to take our State organ in preference to all others. Regards the *Recorder* as worth more to his children than *a session in College.*

Bro. J. D. Franks thinks we ought to take the *Recorder* whether we read it or not. Finds it of much benefit to his neighbors.

Suspended business for preaching.

Sermon by Elder J. B. Hartwell, from the text: "Who died for us that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him." 1st Thess. 5:10.

Closing remarks in relation to the Mission work in China.

Recess one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled. President Ammons in the chair.

On motion, suspended special order, as to report of Board of Managers, in order to dispose of the report on Periodicals.

Remarks by Elder John Mitchell. Bro. Mitchell referred to the fact that our enemies reproach us with the small circulation of our organ in proportion to our numbers. Hears it stated that the anti-mission organ of the State has a circulation as large, or larger, than the *Recorder.*

Elder R. H. Griffith finds the *Recorder* the cheapest literature he can get for the use of his family. He regards *Kind Words* as the very best substitute for a Sunday School Library, and considers it the best Sunday School paper published.

Elder F. M. Jordan regards the very small circulation of the *Recorder* a burning shame! Finds it a valuable medium for introducing the brethren of different sections of the State.

At this point, Bro. Chas. E. Lee was allowed time to solicit subscriptions to the *Biblical Recorder.*

And at the same time Bro. Hartwell made a speech commendatory of the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

Adopted report on Periodicals.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following:

That in their opinion it is the duty of every family to provide themselves with some good periodical; that God has given man a mind capable of endless improvement, and that there is no better means to attain this end than by reading good newspapers, and that a man is negligent to the trust reposed in him by his maker when he refuses to have these means within reach of his children when they can be obtained for so small a consideration. In our opinion it is especially incumbent upon Baptists to take Baptist papers. The great trouble with our people has been a want of unanimity, and specially so in reference to sustaining our State paper. The *Biblical Recorder* was established over two score years ago and during all this time the Baptists of North Carolina have never given the paper the support it should have had. Sometimes it has been tossed on the rough winds of adversity and then again in prosperity. Now with a membership in North Carolina of from 75,000 to 100,000 the *Recorder* has only 2,800 to 3,000 subscribers, while there are hundreds that are taking other State papers to the exclusion of their own.

We recommend to every Baptist in our bounds, first to take a religious paper, and that that paper be the *Bibtical Recorder*, the adopted organ of this Convention, and of the Baptists of North Carolina. Its subscription is only $2.10 a year—4c. a week. It is edited and contributed to by our ablest men.

We also recommend *Kind Words* for the Sunday School, published at Macon, Ga. Monthly edition only 16c. a year in clubs of 10 and upwards. It is one of the ablest Sunday School papers in the country, and should be in every Sunday School in the Convention.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. E. LEE, *Chm'n.*

The Secretary then read the annual report of the Board of Managers.

On motion, it was agreed to consider each item of the report separately.

Part of the report relating to the distribution of the Scriptures first considered.

Remarks by Elders N. Bowen and Allen Ammons.

Remarks by Bro. H. W. Scott, making some statements in regard to the workings and liberal offers of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Bro. John K. Connally states that he was surprised to find Baptists even in Asheville without Bibles.

Bro. I. D. Wright finds considerable destitution in his territory.

Further interesting remarks by Elders Griffith, Mitchell and Bro. J. D. Franks.

On motion, the subject under consideration was referred to a Special Committee: Elders D. B. Nelson, N. Bowen, I. D. Wright, Brethren H. W. Scott and J. D. Franks.

At Bro. John Radford's own request he was granted leave of absence and Bro. Wm. Morgan substituted.

That part of the report of the Executive Board, relating to Foreign Missions, was next read, and,

On motion of Bro. C. E. Lee, referred to a Special Committee: Elders John Mitchell, J. B. Hartwell and Bro. H. W. Scott.

Item of the report, in relation to Education, read, and,

On motion of Bro. S. C. Herren, also referred to a Special

Committee, with instructions to report immediately after recess to-morrow: S. C. Herren, John Jordan and F. M. Williams.

On motion of Bro. S. C. Herren, it was agreed to meet at 7 o'clock this evening and hold a night session.

Adjourned till that hour. Benedictory prayer by Elder Bowen.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder E. Allison.

Convention called to order by 1st Vice President, D. B. Nelson.

Secretary read item of the report of Executive Board relating to Sabbath Schools.

Remarks in favor of the report by Elder R. H. Griffith, Bro. Chas. E. Lee and Elder N. Bowen.

Bro. Bowen is glad that the report recommends the older members of the church to attend Sabbath School. The Sunday School is the work of the church, and should be under the immediate superintendence of the church. Speaks of their having a spectacle class at Enon for the older members.

Bro. John Jordan is sorry that many manifest so little interest in this important work. He is thankful that he was led to the Sabbath School by his mother, and not sent.

Bro. W. Wiley Wells approves the idea of converted teachers. Knows nothing more ridiculous than an unconverted Sunday School teacher.

Bro. John Mitchell thinks the Sabbath School is more particularly the work of the grown up members of the church.

The report was then adopted.

On motion, postponed the report on Home Missions until after the report on Education to-morrow.

Report of Special Committee on Foreign Missions read by Elder John Mitchell.

Remarks on the report by Elders Mitchell, Griffith, Sams and Bowen.

Bro. Bowen thinks work better than talk. Prefers to reserve his talk for his churches.

Elder Stephen M. Collis thinks that religion undoubtedly makes people open-hearted. We ought to be willing to make sacrifices to promulgate the gospel. The Lord has a great many mighty good farms in this country and mighty poor renters on them.

Elder J. B. Hartwell thinks the grandest work of the present century is the undertaking of the evangelization of China. Four hundred millions of heathen to be converted! The Chinese are the leading people of the East, but no civilization without Jesus in it will elevate the human race. Bro. Hartwell is just as sure that China will be converted to Jesus as he is that Jesus Christ is God. Hears the Scripture "He that provideth not for his own," &c., often misapplied—the passage has no bearing whatever on the duty of giving for missions, but refers to the widows of the church. The Bible, and the Bible alone is the creed of Baptists—in it we have a plan for

raising money for the church: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2. He asks can we give more for Tobacco than for the heathen, and then claim that we love the Lord Jesus ?

Question called for and the report adopted.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to select a Board of Managers: N. Bowen, Chas. E. Lee and T. C. Bryson.

Elders Sams and Hooker earnestly request, in behalf of the people of this community, that there be preaching at the stand to-morrow.

Motion to change the Order of Business so as to allow the Committee on Preaching to arrange for services at the stand to-morrow.

After a spirited discussion, in which Chas. E. Lee, W. W. Wells, S. C. Herren and L. W. Sams participated, the motion was carried.

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Annual Sermons read by Bro. P. R. Young.

On motion, the report was amended by substituting Roan Mountain Church for Locust Fields.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

Benedictory prayer by Elder Griffith.

SATURDAY, September 22d, 1877.

Met at the appointed hour.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder N. Bowen.

Convention called to order by President Ammons.

Minutes of yesterday read, amended and adopted.

Motion on Time, Place, &c., tabled.

Bro. Griffith's hour having arrived, Bro. Griffith then took the floor and made a stirring speech in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The claims of the institution were presented in an able and logical manner and evidently in a way calculated to reach the heart and pocket of every one at all interested in the education of Baptist Ministers.

On motion of Bro. Chas. E. Lee, reconsidered the motion to amend the report on Time, Place, &c.

After remarks by Brethren Connally, Herren, Franks, Hooker and Collis, the amendment was again adopted.

The entire report was then adopted as amended:

Time.—Thursday, 11 A. M., before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1878.

Place.—Roan Mountain Church, Mitchell county, 2 miles East of Bakersville.

Introductory Sermon.—Eld. F. M. Jordan; Alternate, Eld. J. K. Connally.
Missionary Sermon.—Elder John Mitchell.

At this point, business was suspended for preaching. Sermon by Elder F. M. Jordan, from Phil. 1 : 9-11.

Adjourned 1 hour for dinner. Benediction by Eld. Bowen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled. President Ammons in the Chair.

Report on Education read, according to Special Order.

Motion to adopt.

Elder D. B. Nelson spoke in relation to the condition and prospects of the Western North Carolina Baptist Female College. The prospects of the College are evidently brighter than at any time since the war.

Remarks by Elder Jordan : Bro. Jordan thinks that Bro. D. B. Nelson, the agent of the College, is the right man in the right place.

Bro. J. D. Franks says that he owns a share in the College and he would not sell it for $25 in gold.

Remarks by Elder John Mitchell.

At this point an opportunity was offered, and considerable stock taken in the College.

The report on Education was then adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Bible Distribution read by Elder N. Bowen and adopted. Pledges were taken to the amount of $37.00 to increase the Bible Fund.

Report on Home Missions next considered.

Motion to adopt.

Elder Jno. K. Connally took the floor and submitted the following statistics and made a stirring speech :

HOME MISSION REPORT BY JOHN K. CONNALLY,

Embracing the following 13 counties : Buncombe, Clay, Cherokee, Haywood, Henderson, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Yancey and Transylvania. Whole population 80,000; Number of Baptists 12,056, making 1 Baptist in every 6 of population; Number Baptist churches 183; No. Baptist Ministers 126; No. Baptist Sabbath Schools, 64; Whole amount paid for Missions $289.75—making about 2c per member ! !

Further remarks by Elds. Jordan, Griffith and Bro. Scott.

Report on Home Missions adopted.

On motion of Elder John K. Connally, it was agreed that we appoint a Financial Agent, whose duty it shall be to visit the churches in the bounds of this Convention and solicit funds for the support of our Home Missionaries.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening. Benedictory prayer by Bro. Hartwell.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. M. Collis.

The President called the Convention to order.

Appointed Elder John Ammons the Financial Agent of the Convention, as provided in a foregoing resolution, at a salary of $400, payable quarterly.

Resolution offered by Bro. S. C. Herren, and adopted:

In accordance with the recommendation of Tuckasiege Association, it is hereby

Resolved, That Elders E. Allison and W. H. Conner be appointed to labor as Missionaries in the bounds of that Association.

Brother H. W. Scott moved that we secure the services of Elder F. M. Jordan to labor in the bounds of this Convention and Green River Association, and that we pay him $1,000 salary. Seconded by Bro. J. D. Franks, and carried.

Accordingly pledges were made amounting to about $300.

Remarks by Elder Jordan, giving some account of his labors as an Evangelist.

Elder John Mitchell offered the following, which passed unanimously:

Resolved, That a collection for Foreign Missions be taken up to-morrow at the close of the 11 o'clock sermon.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Auditors report that the Treasurer's Account has been examined and found correct.

The Treasurer's Report was then adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion, instructed the Finance Committee to pay over the funds on hand to the Secretary, and request him to carry it to the Treasurer.

Authorized the Secretary to receive arrears not reported to the Committee and incorporate the amounts in the Financial Report.

According to the recommendation of the Roan Mountain Association, appointed Elder S. M. Collis and J. W. Putman Missionaries in the bounds of that Association.

On motion, referred all further appointments of Missionaries to the Executive Board.

Committee to nominate Board of Managers report the following, which was adopted:

Officers of the Convention, *ex officio*, and John D. Brevard, J. R. Patterson, A. W. Rich, John Jordan, W. Wiley Wells, J. C. Sams, J. H. Stradley.

On motion of Elder N. Bowen, amended Article VII of the Constitution, so as to require seven members of the Executive Board to constitute a quorum.

Report of the Committee to revise the list of Minister's names, read and adopted. [See List.]

Report on Temperance. Motion to adopt.

Remarks by Elds. Bowen, Sams, Bro. Young, Eld. Collis.

Bro. Collis says he knows of no Baptist in his Association engaged in making whisky. He thinks they would exclude a cooper who would make hogsheads to put it in.

Remarks by Elders F. M. Jordan and Allen Ammons.

Bro. Ammons knows of no *dram-drinking Baptist* in his community.

Report adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of The Western N. C. Baptist Convention that the use as a beverage of any intoxicating drink is inconsistent with the profession of christianity.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the manufacture for sale or use of any intoxicating drink is inconsistent with that faith in Jesus that professes to deny itself for another's good.

3rd. *Resolved*, That a christian man can better afford to let his fruit rot for Jesus' sake than sell it to one who will distill it to the harm of his neighbor.

F. M. JORDAN,
N. BOWEN, *Com.*

Resolution by Bro. S. C. Herren:

Resolved, That this body, feeling an interest in our young brother, John M. Davis, who is at Wake Forest College, do earnestly recommend him to the favorable consideration of all the churches in our bounds.

Motion to adopt. Remarks in favor of the resolution by Elders Connally, Mitchell, Bowen, Griffith and Bro. Herren.

A collection was taken up for Bro. Davis amounting to $19.05. Resolution adopted.

Bro. H. W. Scott submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we rejoice to hear of the good work now being done by the American and Foreign Bible Society in furnishing Bibles and Testaments to destitute Sunday Schools, families and individuals in North Carolina and other Southern States.

Bro. Chas. E. Lee offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren and friends of this community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which this Convention has been entertained.

The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed:

To the Baptist State Convention.—Elders F. M. Jordan, John K. Connally and John Mitchell; Brethren Charles E. Lee and C. M. Williams.

Ordered, That the Secretary compile and superintend the printing and distribution of 400 copies of the minutes of this Convention, and that he be allowed $10 for his services; the *Recorder* office to have the job, provided the terms are reasonable.

On motion, the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention adjourned to time and place.

Prayer by Elder Allen Ammons.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock, Elder R. H. Griffith preached an excellent sermon, from the text: "But we preach Christ crucified." 1st Cor. 1 : 23.

The congregation then engaged in singing, "Jesus, I love Thy charming name," and a prayer was offered.

After which, Elder J. B. Hartwell was introduced, and preached the Annual Missionary Sermon. Text, 1st Cor. 1 : 21.

At the close of the sermon, a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to $41.75 in cash, and $41.00 in pledges.

After a recess of about an hour, for refreshments, the congregation re-assembled, and Eld. F. M. Jordan preached the closing sermon, from the text, "Ye must be born again." St. John 3 : 7.

After a good old fashioned hand shaking the congregation was dismissed.

Thus closed a most delightful and, we believe, a very profitable session of the Western Baptist Convention.

JOHN AMMONS, PRESIDENT.

COLUMBUS M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren.—In submitting this, our Annual Report, we desire first of all to express our grateful acknowledgements to our Heavenly Father for the large measure of blessings he has given unto us all. None of the members of the Board have been removed by death, and it is a matter for profound thanksgiving that so many of us have been permitted to meet in this our last quarterly session. With a like degree of thanksgiving we are permitted to record that none of our Missionaries have died during the year.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

After deducting a part of the expense of Printing the Minutes of 1876, we had left for Bible Fund..... ...		$ 21 75
We purchased at half price 25 Bibles and 183 Testaments, costing		16 15
Leaving balance.....		$ 5 60
11 Bibles and 94 Testaments have been sold for.....	$ 8 25	
Received of Bent Creek Church for Bible Fund.....	1 50	
13 Bibles and 60 Testaments in hands of Missionaries, worth	5 60	
1 Bible and 29 Testaments on hand, worth.....	1 95	17 30
Showing balance in cash and books unsold....		$ 22 90

Your Board are constrained from the facts brought to light to report that it is alarming to know to what extent this Bible destitution exists.

We would therefore advise that this fund be increased to *one hundred dollars* and that great effort be made to supply this destitution during the ensuing year.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Report of the Executive Board which relates to the distribution of the Scriptures, recommend the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we repeal so much of the resolution passed in 1876, on page 8 of the minutes, as provides for using the Home Mission Funds for Bible Distribution.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we now take pledges and donations to be used as a permanent Bible Fund.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the churches be requested to ascertain the amount of Bible destitution within their bounds and report to this body, and also forward money to augment the Bible Fund. D. B. NELSON, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSIONS.

Commissions have been issued during the year to fifteen (15) Missionaries in different parts of our territory, two of these, Elders W. H. Conner and J. K. Connally, were General Missionaries. Most of these brethren accepted and the following is a statement of the work reported to the Board during the year:

MISSIONARIES.	ASSOCIATIONS.	Miles Travelled.	Days Labored.	Sermons Preached.	Exhortations Delivered.	Professions Witnessed.	Baptisms.	Collected for Home Missions
W. H. Conner,..	"General,"	600	...	300	....	60	50	$ 35 00
John K. Connally	"General,"	722	....	34	....	23	....	.....
*C. B. Mingus,..	Tuckasiege,.....	...	...	...	....	....	....	.....
*E. D. Brendle,..	Tuckasiege,.....	...	....	....	....	....	...	.....
J. S. Woodward,	Tuckasiege,... ..	350	50	62	....	...	39	25 00
I. D. Wright, ...	Tuckasiege,,.....	610	77	81	8	. ..	14	30 00
Allen Ammons,.	Valley River,.....	600	120	145	18	28	46	33 00
P. G. Green,....	Valley River,.....	250	31	52	25	72	54	52 80
*M. Ghormley,..	Valley River,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
T. Bright,.:....	Newfound,.....	375	74	69	17	74	38	43 00
*J. W. Hooker,.	Newfound,,.....	..	...	...	....	....	.....	.. ...
John Ammons,..	French Broad, Roan&Black Mts	238	20	10	...	...	....	5 00
*W. W. Wells,..	Salem,.....	....	...	...	...	....	...	....
*W. Robertson,.	Black Mountain,..	....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....
*S. M. Green,...	Roan Mountain, ..	....	....	....	...	....	....	.... ..
Total.—15 Missionaries,...	7 Associations,..	3745	372	753	68	257	241	$ 223 80

*No report from these brethren.

Your Board commenced the year without *one dollar* to offer these dear brethren. We sent them forth to rely on their fields for their salaries, trusting alone in Him who hath said, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows"—they went forth into the fields "white already to harvest" and the Lord hath prospered their ways.

Now, brethren, if these things have been accomplished through such feeble instrumentalities, what might not be affected if all our churches could be aroused and unified in the work.

Your Board would suggest to the Convention the employment of some financial agency for the raising of funds for this and the other branches of the Convention's work,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Treasurer reports $31.95 received and forwarded to Dr H. A. Tupper during the year, and we trust that considerable funds for this object will be sent up to the Convention. We are not prepared to report what progress the churches in general are making in this direction.

We venture, however, to suggest that if our pastors would preach occasionally on Foreign Missions, and thus bring the subject directly before their congregations, and then once a year or oftener, take up a collection for this important object, they would feel better, their salaries would increase, and the results would gladden the hearts of our dear brethren who have forsaken all for the good of the cause.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committeee are profoundly impressed that in consideration of the solemnity of our obligations to Christ, the immensity of the work to be done, and the present imperative calls from the heathen world, that the interest manifested by our churches and the contributions sent up, are criminally small. The command of our Lord Jesus to preach the gospel to every creature is as binding to-day upon every professed christian as it was upon the original disciples. 1800 years have elapsed since the command went forth from the Master to evangelize the nations and yet not less than (⅔) two-thirds of the human race are in heathenism.

At least 800,000,000 of souls hurrying to perdition without any knowledge of the way of life; the whole body of Missionaries in China, India, and other heathen lands pleading for help in their Christ-appointed work of saving souls, and yet how few of the Baptists of Western North Carolina have contributed *anything* during the year for the conversion of these 800,000,000 of heathen. Whither has the spirit of the early christians fled? Has the spirit of Christ forsaken us? Can we call ourselves disciples and ministers of Christ and suffer this wicked neglect and indifference to continue? By the grace of God it shall not.

Your Committee believe that the present apathy on this subject is largely due to the failure on the part of the ministers to preach the *whole* Gospel of Christ and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention most affectionately and earnestly beg the ministers within her bounds to bring this subject frequently during every year before their congregations, and urge the importance of prayer and contributions for this object. J. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are unable to submit anything definite in relation to this important branch of christian work. The Baptists of Western North Carolina are, with very few exceptions, theoretically in favor of Sabbath Schools, but the work in many instances is left entirely to the young and inexperienced, while those who might accomplish most, excuse themselves on the ground of being too old or too busy with household affairs. As a general rule when people marry they consider themselves released from the Sabbath School. We are glad however that there are some exceptions, and we trust that the little leaven may eventually leaven the whole lump.

The Sabbath School work should not be intrusted to the children and unconverted of a community, but should be strictly fostered and protected by the church. Every church should have at least one school, kept up the *entire year*, where at all practicable, and these schools should be superintended and taught exclusively by members of the church.

EDUCATION.

We are pleased to note a revival of interest on the subject of Education.

The school at Holly Springs, Macon County, is in successful operation under the control of Elder S. H. Harrington.

The Stockholders of the College at Hendersonville are making commendable efforts to complete the building, and with the hearty co-operation of the brethren, it can soon be made a success, and will be a blessing to the entire country. We heartily commend the enterprise.

At the last session of the Convention, the Board was instructed to inquire into the condition of Mar's Hill College and fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees, if necessary. We have only been able to learn that the school is suspended, and that there are vacancies in the Board, but what number we have not been able to ascertain, hence no appointments have been made. It will therefore be necessary for the Convention to take what they may deem proper steps in this matter. The Board, however, feel justified in saying that Mar's Hill ought to be put into operation at an early day.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Executive Board, pertaining to Education, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Mar's Hill College be requested to report to the Executive Board of this Convention at its next regular meeting.

S. C. HERREN,
F. M. WILLIAMS,
JOHN JORDAN,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Western N. C. Baptist Convention, in Account with J. L. PLEASANTS.

1876-'77 FOREIGN MISSIONS, CR.

Dec. 5.	By amount received of C. M. Williams, Sec.,	$122 40	
Jan. 23.	By amount received of Hendersonville church per D. B. Nelson,	7 35	
May 10.	By amount received of Hendersonville church per W. A. J. Barnett,	6 35	
June 15.	By amount received of Bent Creek church per W. W. Wells,	0 25	
	By amount received of Locust Fields church per A. Haynes,	1 00	
Aug. 19.	By amount received of Asheville church,	12 00	
Sept. 10.	By amount received of Asheville Sunday School,	5 00	
			$ 154 35

1876-'77 FOREIGN MISSIONS, DR.

Dec. 5.	To amount paid Rev. H. A. Tupper,	$ 98 60	
	To amount paid C. M. Williams, printing minutes,	23 55	
Jan. 23.	To amount paid Rev. H. A. Tupper,	7 20	
May 10.	To amount paid Rev, H. A. Tupper,	6 25	
Aug. 19.	To amount paid Rev. H. A. Tupper,	12 00	
Sept. 10.	To amount paid Rev H. A. Tupper,	5 00	
	To expense, stamps, &c.,	75	
	To amount on hand,	1 00	
			$ 154 35

1876-'77 HOME MISSIONS, CR.

Dec. 5.	By amount received of C. M. Williams, Sec.,	$ 31 75	
Feb. 9.	" " " " Bent Creek Church, per W. W. Wells,	1 50	
	To amount carried forward,	$ 33 25	

To amount brought forward,	$ 33 25	
By amount received of J. & J. Brookshir for 20 Testaments,	2 00	
By amount received of C. C. M. and J. L. P. for 10 Testaments,	50	
By amount received of C. M. Wiliams for 1 Bible and 12 Testaments,	1 00	
By amount received of Rev. T. Bright for 13 Testaments,	65	
By amount received of Rev. T. Bright for 4 Bibles and 15 Testaments,	1 60	
April 23. By amount received of Rev. I. D. Wright, for 6 Bibles and 24 Testaments,	2 50	
By amount due J. L. Pleasant,	3 90	
		$ 45 40

1876-'77 HOME MISSIONS, DR.

Dec. 5. To amount paid C. M. Williams his fees,	$ 10 00	
Dec. 5. " " " for 25 Bibles and 183 Testaments,	14 15	
Dec. 5. " " " Freight on same from Wilmington,	2 00	
" 24 Hymn Books sold to W. H. Conner,	12 00	
" 10 Bibles and 20 Testaments to W. H. Conner,	3 00	
" 20 Testaments to J. K. Connally,	1 00	
" 20 " and 3 Bibles to W. W. Wells,	1 60	
" 29 " and 1 Bible on hand,	1 65	
		$ 45 40

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PLEASANT, *Treas. W. N. C. B. C.*

We have examined the above and find it correct.

CHAS. E. LEE,
E ALLISON,
S. C. HERREN,
Auditors.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Cash Received.	Bible Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns
From Salem Association,	$ 8 54	.....	$ 8 55
" Asheville Church,	4 00	.....	.....
" Morgan Hill "	2 50	2 50	.....
" Bent Creek "	.....	.....	2 00
" Hendersonville Church,	.....	4 80	.....
" Big Ivy "	.....	5 00	.....
" Hominy, "	.....	.....	5 00
" Berea "	.....	2 85	16 70
" Flag Pond "	.....	5 00	.....
" Tuckasiege Association,	.....	.....	16 20
" Cane Creek Sabbath School,	.....	.....	5 00
" Last year's collection,	25	.....	.....
" A. Haynes, Treasurer,	1 82	.....	1 83
" French Broad Association,	4 18	4 17	.....
" T. C. Bryson,	.....	.....	1 00
" Valley River Association,	5 00	.....	.....
" J. H. Woodward,	1 00	.....	.....
	$27 29	$ 24 32	$56 28

REPORT ON FINANCE—*Continued.*

Vouchers.	Bible Fund	Home Missions	Foreign. Mis'ns
From Asheville church, J. L. Pleasant's receipt,...	$.....	$.....	$12 00
" " S. S. " " " ..	.....	.. ....	5 00
" H. N. Edwards, Eld. John Mitchell's receipt, Pastor Asheville church,..... ...	.....	5 00	... ..
From Bent Creek church, J. L. Pleasant's receipt,	1 50	.....	25
" Hendersonville church, " " "	.....	.....	13 70
" Gabriel's Creek church, receipt of Eld. Jno. Ammons, H. M.,..... ...	.....	5 00	.....
From Spring Creek church, receipt of Elder T. Bright, H. M.,.....	.....	15 00	.....
From Roan Mountain Association, receipt of Elds. S. M. Green and S. M. Collis, H. Ms., ...	.....	10 00	.....
From Cartoogachaye church, receipt of Eld. I. D. Wright, H. M., ...	.....	5 00	.....
From Yellow Hill church, receipt of Elder W. H. Conner, H. M.,.....	.....	5 00	... ..
From Cheoah church, receipt of Eld. P. G. Green, H. M., ...	.....	26 00	.....
From Stecoah church, receipt of Eld. P. G. Green, H. M., ...	.....	24 00	.....
From Valley River church, receipt of Elder Allen Ammons, H. M.....	.....	9 92	.....
From Valley River church, receipt of Elder M. Ghormley. H. M.,.....	.. ...	9 97	.....
From Valley River church, receipt of Elder P. G. Green, H. M.,.....	.....	2 80	.....
From Cowee church, receipt of Eld. W. H. Conner, H. M.,.....	.....	12 50	.....
From Cowee church, receipt of Elder Allen Ammons, H. M.,.....	.....	21 50	.....
From Franklin church, receipt of Eld. J. S. Woodward, H. M.,.....	.....	10 00	.....
From Sugar Fork church, receipt of Elder J. S. Woodward, H. M.,.	.....	10 00	.....
From Burning Town church, receipt of Elder J. S. Woodward, H. M.,.....	.....	5 00	.....
From Sardis church, receipt of Elder T. Bright, H. M.,.....	.....	8 35	... ..
From H. W. Scott, Bibles and Testaments, ...	5 00	... .	.....
	$ 6 50	$ 185 04	$30 95